

monwealth's Attorney Richardson preferred to hear evidence on the question before granting bail.

As far as Mr. West is concerned, he is now a free man and is being committed on all sides for his lack of determination to give the grand jury the benefit of all his knowledge on the subject.

#### Great Public Interest.

The atmosphere about the City Hall was electrified with suppressed excitement from 11 o'clock, when the grand jury reconvened, until late in the evening, and when the climax in the second day's proceedings was reached, which resulted in the arrest of Bacon, upon information given by Councilman West, the news spread like wild fire.

The grand jury resumed its inquiry into the matter at 11 o'clock A. M., and held a continuous session until 5:30, during all of which time Councilman West was at his post, awaiting a report, and Commonwealth's Attorney Richardson was on hand, affording all the assistance at his command.

City Engineer W. E. Cuthaw, City Collector Frank W. Cunningham, Dr. J. B. Wood, Lawyers Phil B. Sheld, John H. Welsh, and Messrs. Otway S. Allen, Williams, Huber and Bahren, of the Street Committee, and it was the testimony of Mr. West, which brought results, and which led to the arrest of Bacon. While the jury was proceeding with the examination of the above witnesses, Hon. Charles V. Meredith, counsel for Mr. West, and Dr. J. B. Wood, who has all along taken a deep interest in the case, were conferring with the councilman at the city hall.

#### Some Plain Talk.

Dr. Wood had repeatedly urged Mr. West to answer the questions propounded him by the grand jury, and when Mr. Meredith went down to act as counsel for him, it is understood that he told the councilman very plainly that this was his only recourse, and that in order to extricate himself from his disagreeable situation, he would have to obey the mandates of the court. Mr. West, under the advice of his counsel, agreed finally to tell all he knew, and at 3:45 P. M., after a conference between Judge Witt, Messrs. Richardson and Meredith, he was brought into court, under silence among the anxious spectators, by one of the deputy city sergeants.

Mr. Meredith made a brief statement to the court, in which he declared that his client had agreed to answer the questions which might be propounded him by the grand jury.

Mr. West, when you shall have testified before the grand jury and answered the questions, you will have purged yourself of contempt and be released."

Mr. West, having thus expressed his willingness to answer the questions, the court, on the situation, and public interest, at once centered in what he would probably say and who he would name as the man he said had offered him a bribe. At this juncture, the grand jury, having been at work constantly since 11 o'clock, took a recess until 12 o'clock, and a brief breathing spell, Judge Witt and Mr. Richardson took advantage of the recess as well for a little rest. But Mr. Richardson, who has been vigorous and alert in the case from its inception, did not rest, as he never takes but two meals a day.

#### Didn't Mince Words.

It is believed that his pointed talk about the case had much to do with the change which Mr. West's mind underwent on the subject of the grand jury. The following interview after the day:

"Mr. West has placed himself in a very awkward position by refusing to give the name of the man who, as he testified, had offered him a bribe. He has denounced in the severest terms, the man who had offered to him the gravest insult which could have been given to an honorable man. If this be so, then no original sin of friendship should restrain him. But Mr. West declines to give the name in consideration for the family of the man, when he goes to jail and lets his own wife and children suffer."

"The public will hardly appreciate this sacrifice, but will probably believe either that the statement made by Mr. West is false, or that he is afraid to disclose the name by reason of some former transaction with the same party."

"Mr. West can give the name as a hero or martyr in the course he has taken."

#### So Told the Witness.

Mr. Richardson used similarly vigorous language in talking to Mr. West before he went out, and in his testimony, he pointed out to the Councilman that it was his duty to tell all he knew about the case.

It was nearly 6 o'clock when Mr. West was called into the grand jury room, and it was his duty to come into court with his counsel, to be followed a little later by the jury, whose report was awaited with the utmost interest.

#### Quick Work Done.

The jury has examined Mr. West, continued Mr. Starke, and he has made what we think is a very full and clear statement. Upon this, we have proceeded in an indictment against a man whose name we earnestly trust shall be withheld from the public until he is apprehended and in the hands of the law.

"Your request will be observed," replied Judge Witt. Here, Hon. Mr. Starke, directed Clerk Christian to leave a book for the men named to answer the indictment which had already been drawn by the Commonwealth's Attorney, and the latter officer and Judge Witt placed their eyes in the hands of Captain Alex. Tomlinson for execution.

Mr. Meredith inquired if Mr. West was discharged, and upon his answer, the court that he was, the councilman was heartily congratulated on all sides.

Judge Witt then ordered Captain Tomlinson to execute the capias and bring the man there in before him, and at a few minutes to 8 o'clock the jury was thanked by the court and discharged, and court adjourned until 11 o'clock to-day.

#### Brought to City Hall.

Captain Tomlinson took no time in executing the capias. He found his man, Mr. N. B. Bacon, of Manchester, at his home, No. 119 North Street, in the city, and in company with Officer Zimmer, of the First Police Station, brought him to the City Hall. This was nearly 9 o'clock, and the prisoner was taken later on to the Second Station, where he spent the night.

When seen by a Times-Dispatch representative Mr. Bacon declined courteously, but positively to talk further than to say, "This thing came upon me like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. I was wholly unprepared for it and have no statement to make."

He asked if he had engaged a lawyer. Mr. Bacon said he had not, as at that time he did not know that it would be necessary. "I do not even know the charges."



For the discriminating young man (and what young man is not discriminating nowadays when it comes to clothes), we have bought a select line of suits that might be called striking, perhaps some even loud—but young men are allowed to be more dashing than the conservative "been-through-it-all" elder.

Panamas and straw. We've the best at the price of either—here.



MEN & BOYS' OUTFITTERS.

against me," he said, "as the capias under which I am held simply says a certain felony."

#### Profound Sorrow Felt.

Mr. Bacon's arrest caused profound sorrow in Manchester, where he stands well and is widely known. He is a man of good family and has never before been in trouble. He is an expert papermaker by trade, and has recently been on the road representing a concern manufacturing paper machinery. It is understood that at present he is engaged in organizing a local company for the manufacture of paper in Manchester. Mr. Bacon is about thirty-two years of age, is of slight build and dark complexion. He is a clean shaven and has a pleasant face. He was taking things philosophically when seen last night, and seemed to be of good cheer.

#### DEY IS CHAIRMAN.

He Will Head the Norfolk Delegation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., June 7.—W. W. Dey was elected chairman of the Norfolk delegation favorable to Montague to-night at a meeting which was attended by any of the Trehy or Martin delegates.

Dey held a proxy, and will lead the Second District fight against Martin on the floor of the district convention.

The Montague delegates adopted the unit rule, but do not expect the Martin contingent to abide by their action. Dey and his delegates leave here to-morrow afternoon for Richmond. The district chairman will make his headquarters at the Richmond.

#### MR. BARKSDALE

RETIRES FROM RACE

Halifax Senator Announces He Will Not Run Against Congressman Glass.

State Senator W. P. Barksdale, of Halifax county, who some days ago announced that he would be a candidate for Congress from the Sixth District in opposition to Hon. Carter Glass, has withdrawn from the race. This means that Mr. Glass will be declared the nominee of the party, and that his only opposition will come from Mr. S. Harris Hoge, the Republican candidate, nominated several weeks ago.

Mr. Barksdale made the following formal statement:

"I have recently, in newspaper interviews and otherwise, given expression to my purpose to become a candidate for Congress in the Sixth District. The very kind and flattering solicitations to become a candidate which I received from all parts of the district were accorded to because I have for a long time entertained the ambition to represent my district in Congress whenever I thought it would be agreeable to the Democrats of the District. Since making my announcement, however, after having advised with my closest and most loyal friends, I have concluded that it would be inexpedient and unwise for me to contest with Mr. Glass for the nomination at this time. A canvass of the Sixth District, even under the most favorable circumstances, would be a burdensome task, and a serious tax on the resources of any candidate."

"I soon found, too, a strong sentiment that Mr. Glass was entitled to a second term. Under all the circumstances, I have concluded not to be a candidate at this time, and feel that I should promptly and frankly announce this termination to the Democrats of the Sixth District."

"To the friends I had, and those I made during the time of my brief candidacy, I desire to express my sincere gratitude. Especially do I appreciate the generous and unselfish support, vouchsafed me by my own people of the county of Halifax, and through the coming years I can never forget the many friends who rallied to my support."

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## INSTRUCT DELEGATES

### URGES HON. JAS. HAY

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tion believe that if the question is ever gotten before the convention, that body will vote to instruct, and will adopt the unit rule. The object of the convention now are that the convention will send an instructed delegation to St. Louis. For the opponents of instructions are not strong in their opposition, while those who want an instructed delegation are very earnest in their advocacy of instructions.

#### WILL MARTIN CONTROL?

His Friends Claim a Majority of Delegates—Montague Faction.

It is claimed that the friends of Senator Martin control a pronounced majority of the county delegations. This will insure that the Martin wing of the party will control the new State Committee to be selected.

The friends of Governor Montague were not inclined to discuss the probable complexion of the convention, and the State organization last night, but they did not claim that they would have control.

The State Committee will meet to-night at Murphy's at 8 o'clock for the purpose of receiving the report of the subcommittee appointed to draft amendments to the primary plan. The committee will also select the temporary chairman of the convention. It is understood that there is no opposition to Judge George C. Cassell, of East Haddford, for the honor.

The convention will elect a new State Committee to-morrow. The committee will be made in meetings of the district delegations, to be held to-morrow morning before the assembling of the convention. It would be possible for a faction of the party having control of the convention to reject the committee chosen.

There is certain to be a warm contest over the selection of the four delegates at large. That Senator Daniel and Senator Martin will be two of the number, there is no doubt. There is believed to be little doubt that Hon. A. C. Braxton will be one of the four. There is much doubt as to who will be the fourth of the four. It may be Governor Montague. It may be Hon. W. P. Barksdale.

Several delegates mentioned Mr. Rhee's name in connection with the position last night, among them Representative Hay. He could count on the solid support of the Southwest, it is said, which will enable him to make a good start. It is perfectly plain that the most interesting fight of the convention, next to that which may be made over the question of instructing the delegation, will be over the personnel of the "big four."

#### "Wants Short Platform."

"If I had my way, the convention would adopt a platform which could be read in about a minute," said Hon. J. Taylor Ellison last night. "I would make it about two sticks long, as you newspaper men would say. I am opposed to long declarations of principles by State conventions, which meet to send delegates to national conventions."

"I do not see the need of any platform," said Representative Hay, smilingly. "I am of the opinion that the declaration of principles is necessary. The convention should not undertake to adopt a long declaration of principles. The National Convention, the superior body, may declare at length on subjects on which a State Convention should only say in brief, and in the case of a national body, it should adopt a platform at variance with that which was adopted by the State body. If we are to have a platform let it be short."

#### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

Halls Selected for Committee Meetings To-morrow Morning.

The District Democratic Conventions, all of which combined, will constitute the State Convention, will meet separately at 10 A. M. to-morrow at halls already provided and will there select their district committees, composed of one delegate each, choose an elector and two delegates each to the St. Louis Convention. The ten district committees combined make up the State Central Committee, consisting of fifty members. Each district elects one elector and two delegates to the St. Louis Convention. The ten district committees combined make up the State Central Committee, consisting of fifty members. Each district elects one elector and two delegates to the St. Louis Convention. The ten district committees combined make up the State Central Committee, consisting of fifty members. Each district elects one elector and two delegates to the St. Louis Convention.

The following are the places selected for the meetings of the various districts for to-morrow:

First District—Chamber of Commerce, Ninth and Main Streets.

Second District—Ball-room of Richmond Hotel, Ninth and Grace Streets.

Third District—Hall of the Virginia Black & Black's place, Broad Street, near Bijou Theatre.

Fourth District—Sanger Hall, North Seventh Street, near Broad.

Fifth District—Murphy's Hotel, Eighth and Broad Streets.

Sixth District—Powhatan Hotel, Eleventh and Broad Streets.

Seventh District—Monticello Hall, South Side of Broad Street, near Seventh.

Eighth District—Hotel of the Virginia Black & Black's place, Broad Street, near Bijou Theatre.

Ninth District—Murphy's Hotel, Eighth and Broad Streets.

Tenth District—Sanger Hall, North Seventh Street, near Broad.

#### WHO WILL BE ELECTORS?

Little Discussion, But Names in Several Districts Mentioned.

Up to this time there seems to be little discussion as to who will be electors for the districts. For the First District State Senator B. T. Gunter, of Accomac, is about the only name mentioned. In the Second District Hon. R. W. Withers, of Nansemond, is the only name mentioned. In the Third District, Hon. W. P. Barksdale, of Halifax, is the only name mentioned. In the Fourth District, Hon. W. P. Barksdale, of Halifax, is the only name mentioned. In the Fifth District, Hon. W. P. Barksdale, of Halifax, is the only name mentioned. In the Sixth District, Hon. W. P. Barksdale, of Halifax, is the only name mentioned. In the Seventh District, Hon. W. P. Barksdale, of Halifax, is the only name mentioned. In the Eighth District, Hon. W. P. Barksdale, of Halifax, is the only name mentioned. In the Ninth District, Hon. W. P. Barksdale, of Halifax, is the only name mentioned. In the Tenth District, Hon. W. P. Barksdale, of Halifax, is the only name mentioned.

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In the house you are dealing with. Then you are satisfied with your lack of experience is not a hindrance to your getting just what you need, and at as low a figure as those who are looked upon as experts. What we claim is that a child can buy a piano for \$100 and be entirely safe in making the purchase.

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Oldest Music House in Virginia and Leaders in Everything Musical.

Representative Hay, who is also stopping at the Richmond, arrived at dark, and after spending an hour or two at Murphy's, retired, perhaps to dream of a convention of Virginia Democrats, every delegate a cheering Parker man, voting unanimously to support him to St. Louis in an ironclad manner.

Senator Martin did not have time to come to the lobby until late in the evening, owing to the demand and delay. He claimed his attention from the time of his arrival. The Senator said he did not have anything to say for publication, but he expressed the deepest interest in all subjects connected with the possible work of the convention and in the personal and political life of the delegates. He was in rare good humor, and spirits, and apparently enjoyed another taste of active politics in Virginia, after a month's work among politicians of another type at Washington.

Hon. J. C. Wager, the Democratic candidate for Congress, in the Ninth District, is at the Richmond. He was late in arriving and did not linger long before turning in for the night.

Senator Barksdale and several friends from Halifax, were in Murphy's lobby until a late hour. He would not discuss the scheme to make him one of the electors at large, but he would not deny that he had heard of it.

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Judge E. E. Montague, of Newport News, smiling, and in his usual way, arrived early yesterday. He loses few chances to come to Richmond, and if he does not enjoy the trip, "the smaller the crowd, the better," that illuminates his countenance is distinctly misleading.

Colonel S. M. Newhouse, of Culpeper, the Democratic candidate for the Virginia Legislature as he was called when he served in the House of Delegates, is at the Powhatan. He is a large, sturdy man, and the Legislature who was in the assembly insisted on shaking his hand, and they were only a small portion of those who had a hand in the matter.

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## OFFICERS NOMINATED

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#### Two Fire Commissioners.

Monroe Ward will thus have two fire commissioners for the next two years. Messrs. Levy and Koppler, the latter holding over for two years, while Mr. Levy was elected for a six year term, in the same way Madison Ward gets two police commissioners. Mr. McCarthy, who was originally elected from old Jackson Ward, and Mr. Watson M. time yet to serve, and Mr. Madison Myers, the commissioner for Madison Ward.

The following officers were then unanimously elected, having no opposition: City Clerk, Benj. T. August, re-elected; City Engineer, George B. Davis, re-elected; Committee Clerk, A. H. McDowell, re-elected; Police Justice, John J. Crutchfield, re-elected; City Engineer, Henry R. Pollard, re-elected; City Engineer, W. E. Cuthaw, Superintendent of the Almshouse, George B. Davis, Superintendent of the Gas Department, W. P. Knowles, Superintendent of the Water Department, Charles E. Bolling; Clerk to Auditor, William G. Stokes; Clerk of First Market, J. E. Sullivan; Clerk of Second Market, J. E. Flood; Clerk of Third Market, T. E. Hughes; Weighmaster of First Market, F. A. Bowry; Weighmaster of Second Market, John Finerty; Inspector of Carts and Wagons, J. Taylor; Grain Inspector, R. King; Members of Board of Health, Dr. M. D. Hoge, Dr. W. T. Oppenheimer and Dr. Ramon D. Garcia; President of the Board, Dr. W. T. Oppenheimer; Clerk to Police Justice, E. B. White; Bailiff, L. B. Gibson; Harbor Master, John J. Curran; Port Wardens, John B. Hopkins, J. T. Ballew, Louis Doughty and Robert Curry; Collector of Delinquent Taxes, T. C. Walford; Physicians to the Poor, Dr. Thomas G. Frelow, Dr. J. F. Crane, Dr. E. S. Stratton, Dr. L. D. Backus; Inspector of Plumbing, T. M. Laundres; Superintendent of Street Cleaning, Henry J. Colini; Justice of the Peace to Serve in Absence of Police Justice, W. A. Graves; Members of Board for Examination of Plumbers, Charles B. King and J. H. Chappell.

The caucus then adjourned. Its action will be ratified by the two bodies.

#### EDITORS IN SESSION.

Distinguished Body Discuss Subjects of Wide Interest.

With an attendance comparatively small, but very select and distinguished, the Sunday School Editors' Association, the United States and Canada began its third annual meeting in this city yesterday. Transacted a mass of preliminary business and adjourned in the evening for an elegant reception at the Woman's Club, followed later by a banquet at Murphy's.

The first session of the association began at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the chapel of the Presbyterian Publishing House, and was devoted largely to preliminary business.

The annual report of the president was full of general references to Richmond. It reviewed the situation as it has developed in the Sunday school world during the past year, and pointed out the need to the work of the future. It was exceedingly hopeful in its tone and declared that forces now at work pointed to a great increase in the interest being manifested in this great field of endeavor.

Atkins and Nash, of the Richmond, Va. Sunday School, were the first to read the report. The first of these, "The Best Service Our Association Can Render," was presented by Mr. Phillips, of the Philadelphia, editor of the Sunday School Times. Mr. Trumbull is a son of the late Dr. C. C. Trumbull, and is a prominent member of the association.